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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 311

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING RURAL DEVELOPMENT."**

1 After section 1, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 7-188 of the general statutes is  
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
4 *1, 2002*):

5 (a) Any municipality, in addition to such powers as it has under the  
6 provisions of the general statutes or any special act, [shall have the  
7 power to (1) adopt and amend] may:

8 (1) Adopt a charter or charter amendments which shall be its  
9 organic law and shall supersede any existing charter, including  
10 amendments thereto, and shall supersede all special acts that are  
11 inconsistent with such charter or amendments, [which] and such  
12 charter or [amended charter] amendments may include the provisions  
13 of any special act concerning the municipality but [which] shall not

14 otherwise be inconsistent with the constitution or general statutes; [,  
15 provided nothing in this section shall be construed to provide that any  
16 special act or charter provision relative to any municipality is repealed  
17 solely because such special act or provision is not included in the  
18 charter or [amended charter; (2) amend] amendments;

19 (2) Amend a home rule ordinance which has been adopted prior to  
20 October 1, 1982, which revised home rule ordinance shall not be  
21 inconsistent with the constitution or the general statutes; [and (3)  
22 repeal] and

23 (3) Repeal any such home rule ordinance by adopting a charter,  
24 provided the rights or benefits granted to any individual under any  
25 municipal retirement or pension system shall not be diminished or  
26 eliminated.

27 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 7-192 of the general statutes is  
28 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
29 *1, 2002*):

30 (a) Every charter, special act and home rule ordinance in effect on  
31 October 1, 1982, shall continue in effect until repealed or superseded  
32 by the adoption of a charter, charter amendments or home rule  
33 ordinance amendments in accordance with this chapter, the provisions  
34 in any charter in existence on said date governing revision or  
35 amendment to the contrary notwithstanding. Nothing in this section  
36 shall prohibit the adoption of a revised home rule ordinance or home  
37 rule ordinance amendments by any method established in such home  
38 rule ordinance if the provisions concerning such method were in effect  
39 on July 15, 1959. Any municipality administering its local affairs under  
40 the provisions of the general statutes or special acts adopted prior to  
41 said date may continue to so administer its local affairs [until] and the  
42 electors of such municipality may avail themselves of the provisions of  
43 this chapter to adopt a charter or to amend a charter. Any municipality  
44 having as its organic law a home rule ordinance or a revised or

45 amended home rule ordinance shall after any revision or amendment  
46 of such ordinance publish, in a single document, any such home rule  
47 ordinance and shall make such ordinance available at a nominal cost to  
48 any member of the public."